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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH WAHEED ABDULLAH ABOUT PAK-AFGHAN
RELATIONS

1. I HAD A GOOD DISCUSSION AUGUST 25 WITH DEPUTY FONMIN
ABDULLAH ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE OF PAKOAAFGHAN RELATIONS.
2. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE GOA HAS AGREED TO THE APPOINTMENT
OF A NEW PAK AMBASSADOR, ALI ARSHAD, WHO WAS DCM HERE 1965-68
ABDULLAH COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH ARSHAD IS A PUNJABI, HE
IS A GOOD MAN.
3. ABDULLAH SAID THE GOA DOES NOT INTEND TO SEND A NEW
AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN FOR THE TIME BEING BECAUSE THERE ARE
NO USEFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCUSSIONS AT THAT LEVEL IN
ISLAMABAD. HE REPEATED THAT THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE AFGHAN
EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI WILL BE CHARGE' IN ISLAMABAD. INCID-
ENTALLY, WE HAVE LEARNED FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT THAT MAM\$93
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SPEAK EMELISH AND IS NOT NECESSARILY A PAZHWAK PROTEGE.

4. I TOLD ABDULLAH THAT I WAS RELIEVED TO HEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE A NEW PAK AMBASSADOR IN KABUL BECAUSE I HAD BEEN CONCERNED THAT NORMAL DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS WERE OTHERWISE GOING TO SUFFER. EVEN IF HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS WERE NOT POSSIBLE AT THE PRESENT TIME I WONDERED IF THERE WERE NOT OTHER MATTERS THAT COULD BE DISCUSSED AND RESOLVED THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

5. ABDULLAH EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT NORMAL DIGLOMATIC CHANNELS COULD SOLVE ANYTHING AT THE PRESENT TIME. AS AN DTAMPLE, HE SAID THAT IN RECENT WEEKS THERE HAVE BEEN LONG DELAYS IN THE TRANSIT OF AFGHAN GOODS THROUGH PAKISTAN. AS A RESULT,

GOA HAS MADE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND IRAN FOR TRANSIT FACILITIES. ONCE THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS BECAME KNOWN, HE SAID, THE DIFFICULTIES WITH TRANSIT THROUGH PAKISTAN RAPIDLY ENDED.

6. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, ABDULLAH SAID THAT PAKISTANI PROPAGANDA AGAINST AFGHANISTAN HAS IF ANYTHING INCREASED SINCE BHUTTO'S VISIT TO BALUCHISTAN. HE SAID THAT THIS PROPAGANDA CONCENTRATES ON WHAT IT TERMS THE ANTI-ISLAMIC NATURE OF THE DAOUD GOVERNMENT MENTIONING THE ARREST OF AFGHAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS. ABDULLAH SAYS THAT THE GOP KNOWS WELL THAT THESE RELIGIOUS LEADERS WERE IN THE PAY OF THE GOP.

7. FINALLY, ABDULLAH SAID THAT SADAT'S EFFORTS TO MEDIATE (KABUL 5095) HAVE SO FAR NOT RESULTED IN ANY PROGRESS BUT THAT HE WILL KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS SUBJECT AFTER THE RETURN NEXT MONTH TO KABUL OF THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR WHO IS NOW IN CAIRO.

8. I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR'S CONCLUSION (ISLANNBAD 7872) THAT THERE IS NOT MUCH WE CAN DO ABOUT THIS PROBLEM EXCEPT TO URGE RESTRAINT, GOOD SENSE, AND OPENING LINES OF COMMUNICATION. I ALSO COMPLETELY AGREE THAT WE SHOULD NOT TAKE SIDES.

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